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NORTH KORRAN REDS ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH SECOND FRONT

During his recent visit in Secul, Cho Chae-jon, Chief of Police for Myongsang Pukto, told reporters that the Red Guerrillas operating in the southernmost provinces of Korea have attempted to establish a second battle front in Kyongsang Fukto, in support of the first battle front along the 38th Parallol.

He gave the following reasons for establishing a second battle front:

- 1. The previous Yongim revolt demonstrated the left-wing strength in the Yongim area of Kyongsand Pukto.
- 2. The recent revolt by a group of National troops in Kyongsang Pukto, who joined the guerrillas and brought along with them a quentity of arms, bolstered the Reds morally and materially.
- 3. The T'aebaek-san extends from North Korea south as far as Kyongsang Pukto. By utilizing this terrain feature, the North Korean Reds can smuggle guerrilla troops and extend their military activity as far south as Kyongsang Pukto without being detected. This is true especially when attent on is focused on the recurring incidents along the 38th Parallel.
- h. The deep mountain regions of Kyongsang Pukto afford ideal battle grounds for the guerrillas, while making it difficult for the National Army and constabulary to exterminate guerrillas in these regions.
- 5. Kyongsang Pukto is conveniently situated for the Reds to transport supplies from North Korea along the eastern caost. The Reds plan to use the port of P'chang as a guerrilla landing and supply port.
- 6. As soon as Kyongsang Pukto falls into guerrilla hands, the Reds can easily take over the neighboring provinces of Chungehong Pukto, Cholla Pukto, Cholla Namio, and Kyongsang Namio. The Reds theraby will be able to establish a second front, and the remaining provinces of Kyonggi-do and Chungchong Mandio will be overcome easily.

The Communist attempt to form a second front was disclosed through interrogation of captured guerrillas who were trained and sent to South Korean by the

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Kangdong Political Training School in North Korea. This interrogation was conducted on 10 September by the members of the Civilian Resettlement Committee who have been investigating the situation in Kyongsang Pukto for the civilian resettlement program in distrubed areas. They discovered that the guerrillas, who same by way of Kangwon-do, were equipped with machine guest and had been ordered to expand the guerrilla foothold in Kyongsang Pukto.

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